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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:	Chapter 11
DAVID'S BRIDAL, LLC, et al.,	Case No. 23-13131 (CMG)
Debtors. ¹	(Jointly Administered)

DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF OSLER, HOSKIN & HARCOURT LLP AS CANADIAN BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE

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TO THE HONORABLE CHRISTINE M. GRAVELLE, JUDGE, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT:

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (these "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") state the following in support of this motion (this "<u>Motion</u>"):

I. JURISDICTION, VENUE AND STATUTORY PREDICATES

- 1. This United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11*, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.). The Debtors confirm their consent to the Court entering a final order in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 2. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 3. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 327(a), 329, and 330 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2014(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Rule 2014-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "Local Rules").

II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

4. On April 17, 2023 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. A detailed description of the Debtors, their businesses, and the facts and circumstances supporting the Debtors' chapter 11 cases (the "<u>Chapter</u> 11 Cases") are set forth in greater detail in the *Declaration of James Marcum*, *Chief Executive*

Officer of the Debtors, in Support of Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions (the "First Day Declaration") [Docket No. 21], which is incorporated herein by reference.

- 5. The Debtors are operating their business and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On the Petition Date, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 69] authorizing joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases for procedural purposes pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these Chapter 11 Cases. On April 28, 2023, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of New Jersey (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") in these Chapter 11 Cases [Docket No. 150].
- 6. On the Petition Date, the Court entered the Order (I) Authorizing David's Bridal, LLC to Act as Foreign Representative, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Doc. No. 61] (the "Foreign Representative Order"). With that authorization, the Debtor David's Bridal, LLC commenced a recognition proceeding in Canada (the "Canadian Proceedings") under Part IV of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act ("CCAA"). On April 18, 2023, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) ("Canadian Court") entered an Initial Recognition Order and a Supplemental Recognition Order, found that the United States is the Debtors' center of main interests, stayed all actions, suits, and proceedings against the Debtors in Canada and granted other customary relief.

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

7. By this Application, the Debtors seek authorization to employ and retain Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP ("Osler") as their Canadian bankruptcy counsel in connection with the filing and prosecution of these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings, *nunc pro*

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tunc to the Petition Date, pursuant to sections 327(a), 329, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a), and Local Rule 2014-1. The Debtors further request that the Court approve the retention of Osler under a general retainer and hourly fee arrangement in accordance with Osler's normal hourly rates in effect at the time services are rendered and Osler's normal expense reimbursement policies. In support of this Application, the Debtors submit the Declaration of Martino Calvaruso (the "Calvaruso Declaration"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the Declaration of James Marcum (the "Marcum Declaration"), attached hereto as Exhibit B.

IV. OSLER'S QUALIFICATIONS

- 8. Osler was retained in April 2023 to work with the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP ("K&E") and Cole Schotz P.C. ("Cole Schotz"), and the Debtors' other advisors to explore the Debtors' strategic alternatives, including a potential recognition proceeding in Canada under the CCAA. Since being engaged, Osler has worked closely with the Debtors, their management, K&E, Cole Schotz, and the Debtors' financial advisors, investment bankers, and inventory sale consultants in connection with the Debtors' restructuring initiatives, including preparations for the Canadian Proceedings. As a result of this work, Osler has acquired significant knowledge about the Debtors, their businesses, and many of the potential legal issues that may arise in the context of these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings that makes it uniquely suited to serve as Debtors' Canadian bankruptcy counsel.
- 9. The Debtors have selected Osler because the partners, counsel and associates of Osler possess extensive knowledge and considerable expertise in the fields of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganizations, debtors' and creditors' rights, debt restructuring, and corporate reorganizations, among others. In addition, the lawyers at Osler also have substantial experience

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appearing before the Canadian Court in recognition proceedings under the CCAA, and on complex, cross-border matters involving Chapter 11 cases. The Debtors believe Osler has assembled a team of highly-qualified professionals and paraprofessionals to provide services to them in these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings, have determined that the retention of Canadian bankruptcy counsel is necessary to the successful administration of these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings, and submit that Osler's employment would be in the best interests of their estates. Osler's substantial experience, as well as its extensive practice before Canadian Court and on complex, cross-border matters involving Chapter 11 cases, make it substantively and geographically ideal to efficiently serve the needs of the Debtors. Osler regularly represents Chapter 11 debtors in recognition proceedings under the CCAA, including retailers, and, thus, is well qualified to serve as Canadian bankruptcy counsel to the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings.

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- 11. In sum, the Debtors believe that Osler is both well-qualified and uniquely able to represent them in an efficient and timely manner and that the services of Osler are necessary and essential to the Debtors' performance of their duties as debtors in possession in these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings.

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- (h) review the nature and validity of liens asserted against the Debtors in Canada and advise as to the enforceability thereof;
- (i) advise with respect to the review, reconciliation, objection to, and settlement of Canadian claims; and
- (j) perform all other legal services for and on behalf of the Debtors which may be necessary or appropriate in the administration of their Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings, and fulfillment of their duties as debtors in possession.

VI. PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

- 14. The Debtors understand that Osler intends to apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings on an hourly basis, subject to Court approval and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the *Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases*, effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"), and any orders entered in these cases governing the compensation and reimbursement of professionals for services rendered and charges and disbursements incurred.
- 15. The Debtors understand that, subject to the Court's approval, Osler will be compensated at its standard hourly rates, which are based on the professionals' level of experience. The attorneys and paralegals primarily responsible for representing the Debtors and their current standard hourly rates are:

Name	Title	Hourly Rate (CAD)
Marc Wasserman	Partner	\$1350
Martino Calvaruso	Partner	\$960
Shawn Irving	Partner	\$1075

Sven Poysa	Partner	\$1050
Greg Wylie	Partner	\$1375
Mary Angela Rowe	Associate	\$840
Marleigh Dick	Associate	\$655
Ben Muller	Associate	\$655

16. Other attorneys, paralegals, and case management clerks will be involved in representing the Debtors. The current range of national hourly rates for such professionals are:

Position	Hourly Rate (CAD)
Partners	\$770 to \$1700 per hour
Counsel	\$570 to \$900 per hour
Associates	\$290 to \$900 per hour
Paraprofessionals	\$235 to \$900 per hour

- 17. The hourly rates set forth above are subject to periodic adjustments to reflect economic and other conditions. There are no alternative fee arrangements from customary billing. Further, no professional has varied his or her rate based on geographic location.
- 18. The Debtors understand and agree that Osler will charge for its legal services on an hourly basis in accordance with its ordinary and customary hourly rates in effect on the date such services are rendered and for out-of-pocket expenses, all as set forth in the Calvaruso Declaration.
- 19. Prior to applying any increases in its hourly rates beyond the rates set forth in this Application, Osler shall provide ten (10) days' prior notice of any such increases to the Debtors, the United States Trustee, and any official committee appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 20. The Debtors understand and agree that Osler will maintain detailed, contemporaneous records of time and any necessary costs and expenses incurred in connection with rendering the legal services described above and that they will be charged for all

disbursements and expenses incurred in the rendition of services. These disbursements and expenses include, among other things, costs for telephone and facsimile charges, photocopying, travel, business meals, computerized research, messengers, couriers, postage, witness fees, and other fees related to trials and hearings (including transcripts).

21. It is the Debtors' understanding that Osler will submit detailed statements to the Court setting forth the services rendered and seeking compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

VII. COMPENSATION RECEIVED FROM THE DEBTORS

22. As set forth in the Calvaruso Declaration, during the ninety days prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors paid Osler CAD \$360,214.75 representing Osler's fees for services rendered and expenses incurred. This includes the application of a retainer that Osler was holding in the amount of CAD \$235,000 to satisfy fees incurred during the pre-filing period (the "Retainer").

VIII. <u>DISINTERESTEDNESS OF PROFESSIONALS</u>

23. The Calvaruso Declaration describes the relationships, if any, that Osler has with creditors of the Debtors and other interested parties. As set forth in the Calvaruso Declaration, Osler does not believe that any of those relationships would foreclose the Debtors' retention of Osler under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code in that Osler, to the best of its knowledge: (i) does not represent any other entity having an adverse interest to the Debtors, their estates, or any other party-in-interest in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases; (ii) is a disinterested person under section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (iii) has no connection with the Office of the United States Trustee (the "U.S. Trustee") or any other person employed therein. The Debtors have been informed that Osler will continue conducting a review of its files to ensure that no

disqualifying circumstances arise. If any new relevant facts or relationships are discovered, Osler will supplement its disclosure to the Court.

IX. STATEMENT REGARDING U.S. TRUSTEE GUIDELINES

- 24. Osler recognizes that the U.S. Trustee is charged with reviewing applications for retention and compensation and that the U.S. Trustee will utilize the U.S. Trustee Guidelines to evaluate any such applications.
- 25. Osler intends to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for additional information and disclosures as set forth in the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, both in connection with this Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Osler in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 26. Moreover, as described in the Calvaruso Declaration, and consistent with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, the Debtors have undertaken certain steps to ensure that the rate structure provided by Osler is not significantly different from the rates that (a) Osler charges for other non-bankruptcy engagements or (b) other comparable counsel would charge to do work substantially similar to the work Osler will perform in these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings.

X. <u>BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED</u>

27. Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes a debtor in possession, with the court's approval, to "employ one or more attorneys, accountants, appraisers, auctioneers, or other professional persons, that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the [debtor in possession] in carrying out the [debtor in possession's] duties under this title." 11 U.S.C. § 327(a). Moreover, section 1107(b) provides that "a person is not disqualified for employment under section 327 of this title by a debtor in

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possession solely because of such person's employment by or representation of the debtor before the commencement of the case." *Id.* § 1107(b).

28. Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a) requires that an application for retention include:

Specific facts showing the necessity for the employment, the name of the [firm] to be employed, the reasons for the selection, the professional services to be rendered, any proposed arrangement for compensation, and, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, all of the [firm's] connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a).

- 29. The Debtors request approval of the employment of Osler *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date. Such relief is warranted by the circumstances presented by these Chapter 11 Cases. The Third Circuit has identified "time pressure to begin service" and absence of prejudice as factors favoring *nunc pro tunc* retention. *See, e.g., Matter of Arkansas Co., Inc.*, 798 F.2d 645, 650 (3d Cir. 1986); *Indian River Homes, Inc. v. Sussex Trust Co.*, 108 B.R. 46, 52 (D. Del. 1989), *app. dismissed*, 909 F.2d 1476 (3d Cir. 1990). The Debtors' selection of Osler as their Canadian bankruptcy counsel necessitated that Osler immediately commence work on time-sensitive matters and promptly devote resources to the Debtors' cases, including the commencement of the Canadian Proceedings, pending submission and approval of this Application. Osler's services on the Debtors' behalf have not prejudiced any creditor or party-in-interest in these Chapter 11 Cases, but rather, have served their best interests.
- 30. The Debtors submit that, for the reasons stated above and in the Calvaruso and Marcum Declarations, the retention of Osler as their Canadian bankruptcy counsel, as described herein, is warranted. Accordingly, the retention of Osler as Canadian bankruptcy counsel to the Debtors should be approved.

XI. NO PRIOR REQUEST

31. No prior request for the relief sought in this Application has been made to this Court or any other court.

XII. NOTICE

32. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion to the following parties or their respective counsel: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) counsel for Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as the ABL Agent and DIP Agent, (i) Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Attn: Matthew Furlong, Esq., Julia Frost-Davies, Esq. and Christopher L. Carter, Esq., and (ii) Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Attn: Alan Brody, Esq.; (d) counsel for 1903P Loan Agent, LLC, in its capacity as First In Last Out Agent, (i) Riemer & Braunstein LLP, Attn: Steven E. Fox, Esq. and Brendan C. Recupero, Esq., and (ii) Lowenstein Sandler LLP, Attn: Kenneth A. Rosen, Esq.; (e) counsel for CPPIB Credit Investments III Inc. and its affiliates and managed accounts, in their capacity as Prepetition Senior Superpriority Term Loan Lenders, (i) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Attn: Matt Barr, Esq., Matthew P. Goren, Esq. and F. Gavin Andrews, Esq. and (ii) Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP, Attn: Paul R. DeFilippo, Esq., James N. Lawlor, Esq., and Joseph F. Pacelli, Esq.; (f) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey; (g) the Internal Revenue Service; (h) the offices of the attorneys general for the states in which the Debtors operate; and (i) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, such notice is sufficient and no other or further notice need be given.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the proposed order submitted herewith granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: May 26, 2023 Respectfully submitted,

DAVID'S BRIDAL, LLC, et al.

By: /s/ James Marcum

James Marcum Chief Executive Officer David's Bridal, LLC, *et al.*

EXHIBIT A

Calvaruso Declaration

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- I, MARTINO CALVARUSO, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and after reasonable inquiry, declare:
- 1. I am a lawyer admitted to practice in the Province of Ontario, and am a partner of the firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP ("Osler"). Osler is a law firm of over 550 lawyers, with offices in Toronto at 100 King Street West, 1 First Canadian Place, Suite 6200, P.O. Box 50, Toronto ON M5X 1B8, and with other offices in Montreal, Calgary, Ottawa, Vancouver, and New York. This Declaration (the "Declaration") is submitted pursuant to sections 327, 329, and 504 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2014(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Rule 2014-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the District of New Jersey (the "Local Rules").
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- 3. I am familiar with the matters set forth herein and make this Declaration in support of the Application.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

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Marleigh Dick	Associate	\$655
Ben Muller	Associate	\$655

12. Other attorneys, paralegals, and case management clerks will be involved in representing the Debtors. The range of hourly rates for such professionals are:

Position	Rates (CAD)
Partners	\$770 to \$1700 per hour
Counsel	\$570 to \$900 per hour
Associates	\$290 to \$900 per hour

Paralegals	\$235 to \$900 per hour
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- 13. The hourly rates set forth above are subject to periodic adjustments to reflect economic and other conditions. There are no alternative fee arrangements from customary billing. Further, no professional has varied his or her rate based on geographic location.
- 14. Osler will charge for its legal services on an hourly basis in accordance with its ordinary and customary hourly rates in effect on the date such services are rendered.
- 15. Prior to applying any increases in its hourly rates beyond the rates set forth in the Application, Osler shall provide ten (10) days' prior notice of any such increases to the Debtors, the United States Trustee, and any official committee appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 16. It is Osler' policy to charge its clients in all areas of practice for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the client's case. The expenses charged to clients include, among other things, telephone calls, mail and express mail, special or hand delivery, outgoing facsimiles, photocopying, scanning and/or printing, computer assisted research (which shall not be more than the actual cost incurred by Osler in performing such research), travel, "working meals," transcription, as well as non-ordinary overhead expenses such as secretarial and other overtime. Osler will charge for these expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made generally to its other clients, subject to Local Rule 2016-1.
- 17. Osler will submit detailed statements to the Court setting forth the services rendered and seeking compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

IV. COMPENSATION RECEIVED FROM THE DEBTORS

18. During the ninety days prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors paid Osler CAD \$360,214.75 representing Osler's fees for services rendered and expenses incurred. This includes

the application of a retainer that Osler was holding in the amount of CAD \$235,000 to satisfy fees incurred during the pre-filing period (the "Retainer").

V. <u>DISINTERESTEDNESS OF PROFESSIONALS</u>

- 19. Insofar as I have been able to ascertain through diligent inquiry, except as set forth in this Declaration, neither I, Osler, nor any professional employee of Osler have any connection with the Debtors, their creditors, any other party-in-interest, their current respective attorneys or professionals, the U.S. Trustee or any person employed in the Office of the U.S. Trustee, nor do we hold or represent any entity having an adverse interest in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Osler has in the past worked with, continues to work with, and has mutual clients with certain professionals who may represent parties-in-interest in these Chapter 11 Cases. Neither I, Osler, nor any professional employee of Osler, to the best of my knowledge, is related professionally to the Debtors, their creditors, or any other party-in-interest herein or their respective attorneys or professionals.
- 20. In preparing this Declaration, Osler performed a conflict of interest search to identify any actual or potential conflicts of interest, which included:
 - (a) Cole Schotz provided to Osler a list of the following entities that was developed by K&E, the Debtors' financial advisors, and the Debtors' investment bankers, Cole Schotz attorneys, and other resources available to Cole Schotz, a list of the following entities was developed: (i) Debtors & Debtor Affiliates; (ii) Current Directors and Officers; (iii) Former Directors and Officers; (iv) Bankruptcy Judges; (v) Banks; (vi) Benefits Providers; (vii) Equity Holders; (viii) Insurance Surety Bonds; (ix) Landlords; (x) Lenders; (xi) Letters of Credit; (xii) Litigation Parties; (xiii) Ordinary Course Professionals; (xiv) Restructuring Professionals; (xv) Significant Vendors; (xvi) Taxing Authorities; (xvii) U.S. Trustee Personnel and Bankruptcy Judges; (xviii) Utilities; and (xix) all other parties listed on the attached Exhibit 1 (collectively, the "Entity List").
 - (b) Osler maintains a database of current and former clients and related information (the "<u>Database</u>"). Osler searched the Database and compiled a list of those entities for which Osler's lawyer fees were billed during the past three years (the "<u>Client List</u>").

- (c) Osler compared the names on the Entity List with the names on the Client List to determine whether these matches are with current clients, and, if so, to identify the Osler personnel responsible for such matters.
- (d) Based on the results of that search and other system searches, and by making general and, when applicable, specific inquiries of Osler personnel, insofar as I have been able to ascertain after diligent inquiry, neither I, nor Osler, nor any partner, counsel or associate thereof have any connection with, or have an adverse interest to, the parties on the Entity List except as set forth on **Exhibit 2** hereto (the "Disclosure List") or disclosed in this Declaration.
- Osler has represented, currently represents, and may in the future represent entities on the Disclosure List (or their affiliates) in matters unrelated to the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases. The Disclosure List reflects that an entity is a "Current Client" if, based on the search of the Database described above, such search indicated that Osler has any open matters for such entity and lawyer time charges have been recorded on any such matters within the past three years. The Disclosure List reflects that an entity is a "Former Client" if, based on the search of the Database described above, such search indicated that Osler represented such entity within the past three years based on recorded lawyer time charges on a matter and such matter has been formally closed.
- 22. Except as set forth on the Disclosure List, based on this review of the information available to me, to the best of my knowledge and insofar as I have been able to ascertain, Osler has not represented, does not represent, and will not represent any entities on the Disclosure List in matters directly related to the Debtors or these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 23. As a part of Osler's bankruptcy and corporate restructuring practice, Osler's clientele includes debtors, creditors, court officers, institutional creditors, asset purchasers, venture capitalists, secured parties, lessors and contract parties, equity holders, directors and officers, court-appointed fiduciaries, plan sponsors, indenture trustees, and bond insurers. The Debtors have numerous creditors and other parties-in-interest. Osler may have in the past represented, and may presently or in the future represent, creditors or parties-in-interest in addition to those

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specifically disclosed herein in matters unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases. Osler believes that its representation of such creditors or other parties in such other matters has not affected and will not affect its representation of the Debtors in these proceedings.

- 24. In addition to its bankruptcy and corporate restructuring practice, Osler is a full-service law firm with active corporate, real estate, finance, construction, commercial, litigation, environmental, employment, pension and benefits, competition, privacy, intellectual property, tax and other practices. Osler appears in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different lawyers, accountants, financial consultants, and investment bankers, some of whom now or may in the future represent or be deemed adverse to claimants or parties-in-interest in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 25. Despite the efforts described above to identify and disclose Osler's connections with the Entity List, because the Debtors have numerous creditors and other relationships, Osler is unable to state with certainty that every client representation or other connection has been disclosed. If Osler discovers additional information that requires disclosure, Osler will file supplemental disclosure(s) with the Court as promptly as possible.
- 26. To the best of my knowledge, Osler has not been retained to assist any entity or person other than the Debtors on matters relating to, or in connection with, these Chapter 11 Cases. If this Court approves the proposed employment of Osler as Canadian bankruptcy counsel to the Debtors, Osler will not accept any engagement or perform any services in these Chapter 11 Cases for any entity or person other than the Debtors. Osler may, however, continue to provide professional services to, and engage in commercial or professional relationships with, entities or persons that may be creditors of the Debtors or parties-in-interest in these Chapter 11 Cases;

provided, *however*, that such services do not and will not relate to, or have any direct connection with, these Chapter 11 Cases.

- 27. Thus, pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, based upon information available to me, Osler does not hold or represent any interests adverse to the Debtors, their creditors, or their estates.
- 28. Osler also is a disinterested person within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code in that, to the best of my knowledge, Osler, its partners, counsel and associates:
 - (a) are not creditors, equity security holders, or insiders of the Debtors;
 - (b) are not and were not, within two years before the Petition Date, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtors; and
 - (c) do not hold an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estates or any class of creditors or equity security holders by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors, or for any other reason.
- 29. Accordingly, based upon information available to me, I submit that Osler is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code and the requirements of section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code are satisfied in respect of the matters upon which Osler is to be engaged in these Chapter 11 Cases.

VI. <u>STATEMENT REGARDING U.S. TRUSTEE GUIDELINES</u>

- 30. Osler also will make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Osler.
- 31. In that regard, the following is provided in response to the request for additional information set forth in Paragraph D.1. of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines:
 - **Question:** Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing arrangements for this engagement?

Response: No.

Question: Do any of the professionals included in this engagement vary their

rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

Response: No.

Question: If you represented the client in the 12 months prepetition, disclose

your billing rates and material financial terms for the prepetition engagement, including any adjustments during the 12 months prepetition. If your billing rates and material financial terms have changed postpetition, explain the difference and the reasons for

the difference.

Response: Osler represented the Debtors for approximately three weeks prior

to the Petition Date. During that time, Osler did not raise its billing rates. The material financial terms for the pre-petition engagement remain the same as those disclosed in the Application, as that engagement was undertaken on an hourly-fee

basis.

Question: Has your client approved your prospective budget and staffing

plan, and, if so for what budget period?

Response: Osler will work with the Debtors to formulate a budget and staffing

plan.

32. To the best of my knowledge, no promises have been received by Osler nor any partner, counsel or associate thereof, as to compensation in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 33. Pursuant to section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the best of my knowledge, no agreement or understanding exists between Osler and any other person to share any compensation or reimbursement of expenses to be paid to Osler in these proceedings.
- 34. I have been advised by Cole Schotz and understand it to be true that the proposed engagement of Osler is not prohibited by Bankruptcy Rule 5002.

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35. Osler will abide by the terms of any orders entered in these Chapter 11 Cases governing the compensation and reimbursement of professionals for services rendered and charges

and disbursements incurred.

36. By reason of the foregoing, I believe Osler is eligible for employment and retention by the Debtors pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and the applicable Bankruptcy

Rules and Local Rules.

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 26, 2023

/s/ Martino Calvaruso

MARTINO F. CALVARUSO

EXHIBIT 1

Entity List

List of Exhibits

Exhibit	Category
1(i)	Debtors & Current Affiliates
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1(xiv)	Bankruptcy Judges for the District of New Jersey
1(xv)	United States Trustee for Region 3 or Employee (New Jersey Office)
1(xvi)	Letters of Credit
1(xvii)	Vendors

EXHIBIT 1(i) Debtors & Current Affiliates

DBI Investors, Inc. DBI Holdco II, Inc. DBI Midco, Inc. David's Bridal, LLC Blueprint Registry LLC Aligned for the Frontline, LLC David's Bridal UK Limited **Executive Management Limited** Fillberg Ltd. Wingreat Limited Maxtel Limited.

The Bridge Holding Limited Multihulls Trading Limited

Pretty Fashions Inc.

EXHIBIT 1 (ii) **Direct Equity Holders of the Debtor**

Oaktree **CPPIB** Eaton Edgepoint Vance Petrus Rimrock Cion

EXHIBIT 1(iii) Landlords & Management

1000 South Vermont LLC 10345 Magnolia Ave, LLC 11 Point Capital LLC 1210 Weible LLC 1276 Bald Hill Rd., LLC 1997-0506 Cava Ltd. 3133 Erie Boulevard Associates, LLC 3413 Tittabawassee Rd Leasing 3500 48th Street Owner LLC 4212 West Wendover Avenue, LLC 4545 Kennedy, LLC 610 & San Felipe, Inc. 84 South Retail Center, LLC Acadia Merrillville Realty, LP ACS Adams Dairy Landing MO, LLC Agree Limited Partnership All Centers, L.P.

Almonesson Associates II Ambra Investments, LLC ARC CTCHRNC001, LLC ARC SSSDLLA001, LLC ARD MacArthur, LLC ARG CRHAGMD001 LLC ARG LPLAFIN001 LLC ARG SPSPRIL001 LLC Arnot Associates II, LLC BAM River Valley, LP Barrywoods Holdings, LLC Bassett Place Real Estate Co., LLC

BBP Partners, LLC

Belden Park Delaware LLC Beltway Crossings, LLC Bentall Green Oak Canada LP

Bershon LV Two, LLC

Bethel Properties, LLC Billou Corporation BMLS Investments LLC

Bodester, LLC Bonefide Estates Inc

Boone Interstate Development Braehead Glasgow Limited & Braehead Park Investments Limited

Brixmor

Brixton Real Estate Investments, LLC -

Pavilion Series

Broadway & Pearl Associates, LLC

Brookfield Properties Buckhead Place, LLC

Burlington Interstate Center, LLC

BVA Avenue LLC

Cafaro

Calloway REIT

CalProp Management Company

Carillon Square I, LC

CBL

CDP4/Peoples Crossing Central Valley Associates

CFC Phase II, LLC

College Station Uniprop, LLC

Columbus Park Crossing Southwest,

LLC

Columbus Town Center LLC

Core Southside

CREA/PPC Long Beach Towne Center

PO, LLC

Cross County Owner, LLC CSHV Woodlands, LP CSM Investors Inc

Dartmouth Crossing Master LP

Davis Family LP DB Taylor, LLC

DDRTC Marketplace at Mill Creek,

LLC

Del Amo Fashion Center Operating

Co., LLC

Delaware Cumberland Avenue Plaza

LLC

Derito Walking Stick South LLC

Dolan and Company, LLC

Donahue Schriber Realty Group, LP

DT Ahwatukee Foothills LLC East Chase Properties LLC Easton Gateway LLC

El Dorado Pad 10, LP Elite Vision Investments LLC

Emser International, LLC Erving Ridge Consulting and

Development LLC

Fayette Town Center, LLC FB Festival Center LLC

Federal Realty Investment Trust

Forsons Investments, LLC

FP II SC, LLC

FPIP I, Ltd. (Landlord), Sawgrass Mills

L.P. (CAM)

FR Pembroke Gardens LLC Freehold Investments, LLC G&I X CenterPoint LLC Gateway Crossing SC, LLC Gateway Pinole Vista, LLC

GGF 1 North Olmstead 2016, LLC GP Retail I, LLC - DBA: GS 92-2

Pavilion

Greenwood Marketplace II, LLC GSMS 2013-GCJ14 Plaza Dr LLC

GWP-Northridge Grove, LP

Hamilton Commons TEI Equities LLC

Harsch Investment Corporation Hauppauge Properties LLC HC Atlantic Development, LP Hendon FGV Center LLC Henesta Group, LLC Henry Real Estate, L.P. Holderfield Properties, Inc.

HS CompUSA Center, LLC Hulen Park Associates ICA BFC Venture LLC ICE Holdings LLC

Inland Commercial Real Estate IRC Retail Centers Management Inc.

IVT Renaissance Center Durham I

LLC

Jennum Wellington Properties, Inc. Joan Kevorkian/George L. Wallet

JPMCC 2005-LDP2 Dayton

Kancov Investment LP

Kennewick Associates, Limited

Partnership Kimco

Kite Realty Corp. Kite Realty Group

Lafayette Furniture Company, Inc.

Layton Antelope, LLC LBX Evergreen TH, LLC LBX Harbison TH, LLC LBX North Rivers, LLC Levin Properties, LP

Limestone Millenia Plaza LLC

Lorke Development Co.

LRC Northway Mall Acquisitions,

LLC

Lund Company

M.J. Peterson Company Madison Marquette Madison Place, LLC

Madison-Flint Properties, LLC Magnolia Commons SC LLC

Mallside Development Corporation

Manana-CDIT, LLC Market Pointe II, LLC

Market Town Center Owner, LLC Mattone Group Management LLC

Mayfaire Town Center, LP

May-Sun Company MCP VOA I & III, LLC

MT San Antonio I LLC

MDG Strategic Acquisition LLC

Mesomorph, LLC

Metro Pointe Retail Associates II Metroplex West Associates, L.P. Mishorim Gold Jacksonville LP Mission Valley Square, L.P. MPH Associates, LLC NaperW, LLC

North Academy III, LLC Northeast Dallas Mall, LLC

Northern Valley Indian Health, Inc Northway Mall Properties, LLC

NV LLC

Oakdale Village LLC

Oakwood Business Park, LLC

Oneida I LLC

Ontario Gateway SJT Retail XVII,

LLC

Orange Grove Utilities, Inc. Otay Main Street, LLC Ottawa Train Yards Inc Oval Properties 1901, Ltd. Pagosa Partners III, Ltd.

Palladian - Valley View Blvd., L.L.C.

PAPF Dimond LLC

Park Pointe Plaza Associates

PDN Retail Center, LP

Peoria Rental Properties LLC

PGP Fayetteville, LLC

Pierre Bossier Mall Realty Holding

LLC

PK Clearwater Springs, LLC
Post Hill Limited Partnership
Potomac Festival, LLC
PR North Dartmouth, LLC
PREP Aurora Real Estate, LLC
Preston Valley View, Ltd.

Principle Life Insurance Company

R46 Realty Associates, LP

Ramco Gershenson Properties, LP

Ramco Jacksonville LLC Ravines Strongsville I, LLC RCG-Monroeville LLC RGR Star Plaza, L.P.

Ridgeline, Inc.

RioCan

Riverchase CC, LP Robinson Station, LP ROF Macon LLC

Roko Savannah (MGT) LLC

RPAI Southwest Management, LLC TCSC LLC

Rushmore Crossing Associates LLC

Sam's Property LLC

Telsec Property Corporation
The Commons Reno, LLC

Sansone Group The Fayner Trust

Schulte 2 Sycamore, LLC

SCM FFA Fargo 1500

The Market at Epps Bridge. LLC

The Plaza at Burr Corners, LLC

Seritage SRC Finance LLC

The Shops at Collins Square LLC

Shops at Abilene, LP

The Shops of Tupelo LLC

Shops on Emerald, LLC TKG Management
Simon TMC Eastgate, LLC

Site Centers Transandina Holdings LLC

Skyland Legacy LLC Transform Leasco
SM Eastland Mall LLC Truss Greenwood IN LLC

Solar Holdings, LLC

Tyler Broadway Centennial, LP

Sorich & Lasher United Hampshire US Holdings, LLC

South Coast Management, LLC Urban Edge Properties South Edmonton West JV Urstadt Biddle

Southtown Plaza Realty LLC USPG Portfolio Five, LLC

Spirit Realty Vestar Alderwood Parkway LLC

Spring Creek Improvements, LLC Villa View, Ltd.

Springfield Plaza LP

VW Chenal Commons LLC

Springfield Square Control LP

Websit Management Co

Springfield Square Central, LP Walart Management Co. SSI Northside, LLC Washington Prime

Stratford City Shopping Centre No. 2 Waterford Park North Associates, LLC

Summerhill Square, LLC WCH LLC
Sunil Madison, LLC West Broad Marketplace
SunMark Property LLC Westridge Daniels, LLC

Sunrise Promenade Associates WH (Woodbridge) Limited

SUSO 5 Riverdale LP WIL-CPT Arlington Highlands 1, LP

SVF University Westwood, LLC William Roth Company TCB Elston, LLC ZL Properties LLC

EXHIBIT 1(iv) Lenders & Bondholders

CPPIB Credit Investments III Inc.

Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.

Eaton Vance Management

CION Investment Corporation

Edgepoint Investment Group

Petrus Yield Opportunity Fund

Rimrock Capital Management, LLC

Albacore Capital LLC

Boston Management and Research Courage Credit Opportunities Fund

Fidelity

Variable Insurance Products Fund Cowen Special Investments LLC Cross Sound Management LLC Ellington Clo Management, LLC

HG Vora Capital Management JP Morgan Investment Mnagement

Althilon Capital Corp., LLC

Merced Partners Limited Partnership

UBS AG, Stamford Branch

Whitebox Asymmetric Partners, LP

Whitebox Multi-Strategy Investment

Group

Whitehorse VII, Ltd.

Whitehorse

Venture XX Clo, Limited

HSBC Bank plc

Catamaran

Nomura Corporate Research and

Asset Management Alter Domus (US), LLC Cantor Fitzgerald Securities

Bank of America, N.A.

Gordon Brothers

EXHIBIT 1(v) Surety Bonds

Canada Border Services Agency

Entergy Louisiana, LLC

Florida Power & Light Company

Knoxville Utilities Board

PG&E

Public Service Company of

Oklahoma

Southern CA Electric State of North Dakota

State of NV-Department of Taxation

Tampa Electric Company
The Electric Power Board of

Chatanooga U.S. Customs

U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border

Protection

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Safeco Insurance Company of

America

EXHIBIT 1(vi) <u>Litigants</u>

Andrus Intellectual Property Law, LLP

Beverly Hills Trial Attorneys, P.C. Capstone Law APC

Dapeer Law PA

Hansra Cardenas, LLP

Ironside Law Firm

Locket IP LLC

Morgan & Morgan State of California

Tianhai Lace USA, Inc.

Victoria's Secret Store Brand

Management, LLC

EXHIBIT 1(vii) Professionals

Kirkland & Ellis LLP Cole Schotz P.C. Berkeley Research Group, LLC Houlihan Lokey Capital Inc C Street Advisory Group, LLC

EXHIBIT 1(viii) Other Ordinary Course Professionals

Michael Best & Friedrich LLP Alvarado Daniel Watney LLP Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP Deloitte Tax LLP Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP Douglas Allen LTD One Edje LLC Peake Law Group PC **GARTNER INC** Global Tax Management Inc. Reppert Kelly, LLC Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP Goodman Jones LLP Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP TaxMatrix Technologies LLC Gunster Yoakley & Stewart PA **Taylor Wessing LLP** Gurstel Law Firm PC Visionary Financial Solutions Jackson Lewis PC Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP Matt Scott Law Firm PLLC Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP

EXHIBIT 1(ix) <u>Banks</u>

Bank Champaign

Bank of America

Barclays

Central Pacific Bank

Chemung Canal Bank

Citizens Bank

Key Bank

Paypal

PNC Bank

Regions Bank

Rockland Trust

Stripe

Fifth Third Bank TD Canada Trust

First Citizens Bank Trustmark National Bank

First Horizon Bank US Bank
Huntington National Bank Wells Fargo
JPM Chase Bank Whitney Bank

EXHIBIT 1(x) Utilities

AES Indiana City of Columbia, MO

AES Ohio City of Duluth Comfort Systems Alabama Power City of Lubbock Utilities, TX

Alectra Utilities Corporation City of Naperville, IL Alliant Energy/IPL City of Niles, OH Alliant Energy/WP&L City of Pensacola, FL Ameren Illinois City of Richmond, VA Ameren Missouri City of Roseville, CA American Electric Power City of Santa Clara, CA

Appalachian Power City of Sunrise, FL Aqua Pennsylvania/70279 City of Tacoma Public Utilities

Atlantic City Electric/13610 City of Tallahassee, FL Atmos Energy/630872/740353 City of Tampa Utilities

ATT City Utilities of Springfield, MO

ATT Mobility City Water & Light (CWL) City Water Light & Power, ATT-SBC

Springfield IL Avista Utilities Cleco Power LLC BC Hydro

Cobb EMC Benton PUD

College Station Utilities - TX BGE Colorado Springs Utilities Black Hills Energy

Columbia Gas of Kentucky Bowling Green Municipal Utilities Columbia Gas of Maryland BrightRidge Columbia Gas of Ohio Brightspeed

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania British Telecom

ComEd Burbank Water and Power ComTech 21

Business Stream Con Edison Cascade Natural Gas Connecticut Natural Gas Corp (CNG) Castle Water Limited

Consolidated Communications CenterPoint Energy Minnegasco Constellation NewEnergy/4640

CenterPoint Energy

Consumers Energy Central Georgia EMC (elec) CoServ Central Maine Power (CMP) **CPS** Energy

Chattanooga Gas Company/5408 **DELMARVA POWER** Chugach Electric Association DE/MD/VA/17000/13609 Citizens Energy Group/7056

Direct Energy Regulated Services City of Altamonte Springs, FL

Dixie Electric Cooperative City of Austin, TX

Dominion Energy North Carolina City of Buford, GA

Dominion Energy Ohio/26785 Dominion Energy South Carolina

Dominion Energy/27031 Dominion VA/NC Power/26543/26666

DTE Energy Duke Energy

Duquesne Light Company Dynegy Energy Services/27679 East Brunswick Water/Sewer

Utilities

Eastward Energy Inc Edge Communications El Paso Electric/650801 Enbridge Gas Inc/644

ENMAX/2900

Enstar

Entergy Arkansas, Inc./8101

Entergy Gulf States LA, LLC/8103

Entergy Louisiana, Inc./8108 Entergy Mississippi, Inc./8105 Entergy Texas, Inc./8104

EPB

EPCOR/500

Eugene Water & Electric Board

(EWEB) Evergy Kansas

Central/219915/219089

Evergy KS MO Metro MO West

219330/219703 Eversource Energy

Federal Realty Investment Trust-

Federal

Festival at Sawmill Centre Fort Collins Utilities FortisBC-Natural Gas

FPL - Florida Power & Light

Company

FPL Northwest FL

Gainesville Regional Utilities

Georgia Power

Grandbridge Energy Inc

Granite CAN
Granite US

Green Mountain Power Corporation Greenville Utilities Commission, NC

Hawaiian Electric/30260 Huntsville Utilities, AL

Hydro Ottawa Idaho Power

Indiana Michigan Power
Intermountain Gas Company

JEA

Jersey Central Power & Light
JRA HHF Venture LLC

Kansas Gas Service

KUB-Knoxville Utilities Board KU-Kentucky Utilities Company Lafayette Utilities Systems (LUS) LG&E - Louisville Gas & Electric

Liberty Utilities - NH Liberty Utilities Georgia Liberty Utilities/219094 Lincoln Electric System

London Hydro

Los Angeles Dept of Water &

Power/30808

Lumen Technologies

Madison Gas and Electric, WI

Manitoba Hydro

Memphis Light, Gas & Water

Division Met-Ed/3687

Metropolitan Utilities Distric/2166/3600

MidAmerican Energy Company Middle Tennessee Electric

Membership

Minnesota Energy Resources

Minnesota Power

Mishawaka Utilities, IN Modesto Irrigation District Montana-Dakota Utilities Co Mountaineer Gas/580211 MTS Communications Nashville Electric Service

National Fuel/371835

National Grid - New York/371376

National Grid - Pittsburgh New Mexico Gas Company Nicor Gas/2020/0632/5407

NIPSCO - Northern Indiana Public

Serv Co NJNG

North Attleborough Electric

Department North Shore Gas

NorthWestern Energy, MT Nova Scotia Power Inc

NOVEC

NV Energy/30073 North Nevada NV Energy/30150 South Nevada

NW Natural

NYSEG-New York State Electric &

Gas

OG&E -Oklahoma Gas & Electric

Service Ohio Edison

Oklahoma Natural Gas Co: Kansas

City

Omaha Public Power District Orange and Rockland Utilities

(O&R)

Orlando Utilities Commission

Pacific Gas & Electric

Pacific Power-Rocky Mountain

Power

Pacific Telemanagement Services

Paducah Power System

Palm Beach County Water Utilities

Dept

Pearl River Valley EPA

PECO/37629 Penelec/3687

Pennsylvania American Water

Peoples Gas Peoples/644760

PEPCO (Potomac Electric Power

Company)

Piedmont Natural Gas

Pineville Electric And Telephone -

249

Portland General Electric (PGE)

POTOMAC EDISON

PPL Electric Utilities/Allentown PSE&G-Public Service Elec & Gas

Co PSEGLI

Puget Sound Energy

RG&E - Rochester Gas & Electric

Rhode Island Energy

Riverside Public Utilities, CA

Roanoke Gas Company Rochester Public Utilities

Rogers Wireless

Salt River Project/2951 San Diego Gas & Electric Scana Energy/105046

Scottish & Southern Energy(SSE)

Shell Energy UK Limited

SMECO (Southern Maryland Electric

Coop) SMUD

Snohomish County PUD South Jersey Gas Company Southern California Edison

Southern California Gas (The Gas

Co.)

Southern Connecticut Gas (SCG)

Southwest Gas

Southwestern Electric Power

Spire/Atlanta Spire/Birmingham Spire/St Louis

Springfield Plaza LLC Stratford Utilities Limited Summit Utilities Arkansas Inc SVF University Westwood LLC

T Mobile

TDS Telecom

Teco Tampa Electric Company

Texas Gas Service

The Illuminating Company

Toledo Edison

Tombigbee Electric Power Assoc-

Fulton

Toronto Hydro Electric System Town of Danvers, MA-Electric

Division

Town of Hempstead, NY - Dept of

Water

Town of Tonawanda, NY

Tucson Electric Power Company

UGI Utilities Inc

United Illuminating Company UNITIL ME Gas Operations

Velocity

Veolia Water New Jersey

Verizon

Verizon Business Verizon Wireless

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. Virginia Natural Gas/5409 Washington Gas/37747

WaterOne

WE Energies/Wisconsin Electric/Gas

Whitehall Township Authority Wisconsin Public Service Withlacoochee River Electric

Cooperative

Wright-Hennepin Coop Electric

Xcel Energy

EXHIBIT 1(xi) Governmental & Tax Authorities

Birmingham City Council Canada Revenue Agency

City Of Edmonton
City Of Langley

City Of Mcallen - Police Dept Commonwealth Of Mass County Of Henrico, Virginia East Brunswick Bur Fire Prev Elite Revenue Solutions LLC Joseph Lopinto Sheriff/Tax Col

Kentucky State Treasurer

Manitoba Finance Ministry of Finance Minnesota Revenue

NEVADA DEPT OF TAXATION

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRA

Newham London

North Carolina Dept of Rev NYC Dept Of Finance

Oregon Department Of Revenue South Carolina, Dept Of Revenue Springfield Township (PA)

State Of New Jersey

Tennesse Dept Of Revenue Township Of Hamilton Township Of Maple Shade Village Of Ashwaubenon Watford Borough Council City Of Baton Rouge

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania County of LA Agricultural Comm

Illinois Wholesale Cash

LABOR & INDUSTRIES (WA)

Marksville City

Meridian Charter Township Municipality of Monroeville PA Nevada Unclaimed Property San Diego Recorder/CountyClerk

Township Of Robinson US Customs And Border

Workforce Safety & Insurance

EXHIBIT 1(xii) Benefit Providers

24 PetWatch Insurance Programs

Carebridge Corp

CIGNA

CirrusMD Inc

Discovery - Wexhealth First Stop Health LLC

Ginger.io of CA Medical P.C. Hawaii Medical Svc Associaton

Hinge Health Inc

Lincoln Life Assurance Co Lincoln National Life Ins Co

Livongo Health Inc

Mercer

Meritain Health Inc Omada Health Inc

OptumRX PBM of IL Inc Ouantum Health Inc

EXHIBIT 1(xiii) Insurers

AIG Specialty Insurance Company

Axis Excess Insurance

Berkley Professional Liability

Chubb ACE American Insurance

Company

Chubb Group of Insurance Companies

CNA Insurance Everest EZ Excess

Hudson Insurance Company

ACE American Insurance Company

AIG

AIG Specialty Insurance

America Insurance Corp (Swiss Re)

Ascot Insurance Company AXA Insurance UK PLC

AM Best:NR

Axis Insurance Company

AXIS Surplus Insurance Company

Beazley Insurance Company, Inc.

Berkley Insurance Company

Chubb

Continental Casualty Company (CNA)

Elite Insurance Corp (Swiss Re)

Everest National Insurance Company

Great American/Firemans Fund

(Primary)

Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.

Hartford Financial

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

Hiscox Insurance Company

Illinois Union Insurance Company

(Chubb)

Liberty Ins Underwriters, Inc (Excess)

Lloyds of London - syndicate 1183

Lloyd's of London (Beazley)

Lloyds of London (Excess Stock Policy)

National Union Fire Insurance Company

of Pittsburgh, PA (AIG)

Navigators (Excess)

Starr Marine (CAN)

Starr Marine (UK)

Starr Marine (US)

StarStone Specialty Insurance Co

(Excess)

Steadfast Insurance Company (Zurich)

Travelers Property Casualty Co. United States Fire Insurance Company

(Excess) (C&F)

Twin City Fire Insurance Co. XL Specialty Insurance Company

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EXHIBIT 1(xvi) Letters of Credit

Constellation Newenergy Inc Elavon Inc

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company CIT Group/Commercial Services

Hartford Fire Insurance Company Hanover Estates, LLC

Travelers Indemnity Company

EXHIBIT 1(xvii) Vendors

Paypool LLC

Ups - United Parcel Service

Facility Source Llc

Google Inc

Ecova

Ups Supply Chain Solutions Inc

Arthur J Gallagher & Co

Cit Group/Commercial Svcs

Rhombus Services/Brandpoint

January Digital Llc

Meta Platforms Inc

Unique Structures Llc

Liveperson

Haworth Marketing + Media Llc

Microsoft Corporation

Ups Canada

Tc Millwork Inc

Blueberry Technologies Llc

Bliss Designs Inc

Manhattan Associates

Rosenthal & Rosenthal Inc

American Litho Inc

Adobe Systems Inc

Broadspire Svcs Inc

Intellisource Inc

Moschini Productions Inc

Jmj Builders Llc

Milberg Factors Inc

Bunzl Retail

Royal Cyber Inc

Amazon Web Svcs Inc

Icon International Inc

Specialty Freight Svcs Inc

Ceridian

Bridal Veil Company Inc

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Ring Central Inc

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France Lab Inc

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Attentive Mobile Inc

Computer Design & Integ Llc

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Aurus Inc

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EXHIBIT 2

Disclosure List

Name of Entity Searched	Name of Entity that is a Osler Client	Status of Representation
Affirm Inc.	Affirm Canada Holdings Ltd.	Open
AIG	AIG Investments	Open
Alter Domus (US), LLC	Alter Domus (US) LLC	Open
Amazon Web Svcs Inc	Amazon Web Services Canada, Inc.	Open
Axis Insurance Company	Axis Insurance Managers Inc.	Open
Beazley Insurance Company, Inc.	Beazley plc	Open
Bentall Green Oak Canada LP	BentallGreenOak Prime Canadian Investments I LP	Closed
Bentall Green Oak Canada LP	BentallGreenOak (Canada) Limited Partnership	Open
Blueprint Registry LLC	Blueprint ADE	Open
Brookfield Properties	Brookfield Properties Development LP	Open
Brookfield Properties	Brookfield Corporation	Open
Cantor Fitzgerald Securities	Cantor Fitzgerald Canada Corporation	Open
Chubb	Chubb Insurance Company of Canada	Closed
Chubb Group of Insurance Companies	Chubb Insurance Company of Canada	Closed
CNA Insurance	CNA Financial Corporation	Open
Fidelity	Fidelity	Open
Great American/Firemans Fund (Primary)	Great American Insurance Company	Open
Hartford Fire Insurance Company	Hartford Fire Insurance Company	Open
Hinge Health Inc	Hinge Health, Inc.	Open
Houlihan Lokey Capital Inc	Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc.	Open
Hydro Ottawa	Hydro Ottawa Holding Inc.	Open
JP Morgan Investment Mnagement	JPMorgan Asset Management Holdings Inc.	Open

JP Morgan Investment Mnagement	J.P. Morgan Securities Canada Inc.	Open
Kyndryl Inc	Kyndryl Holdings, Inc.	Open
Kyndryl Inc	Kyndryl Canada Limited	Open
Lloyd's of London (Beazley)	Beazley plc	Open
Manitoba Hydro	Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board	Open
Meta Platforms Inc	Meta Platforms, Inc.	Open
Paypal	PayPal Canada Co.	Open
RioCan	RioCan Holdings Inc.	Open
Spire/Birmingham	Spire Global, Inc.	Open
Stripe	Stripe Payments Canada, Ltd.	Open
TD Canada Trust	The Toronto-Dominion Bank	Open
Velocity	Velocity Waterloo Incubator, LP	Open
Wells Fargo	Wells Fargo Bank N.A., Canadian Branch	Open
XL Specialty Insurance Company	XL Specialty Insurance Company, Inc (Canada)	Open

Exhibit B

Marcum Declaration

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:		Chapter 11
DAVID'S BRIDAL, LLC, et al.,		Case No. 23-13131 (CMG)
	Debtors. ¹	(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF JAMES MARCUM IN SUPPORT OF DEBTORS'
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE
EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF OSLER, HOSKIN & HARCOURT LLP
AS CANADIAN BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS NUNC PRO
TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE

¹ The debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each debtor's federal tax identification number, are: David's Bridal, LLC (4563); DBI Midco, Inc. (7392); DBI Holdco II, Inc. (7512); DBI Investors, Inc. (3857); David's Bridal Canada, Inc. (N/A); and Blueprint Registry, LLC (2335). The location of debtor David's Bridal, LLC's principal place of business and the debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 1001 Washington Street, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428.

I, James Marcum, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and after reasonable inquiry, declare:

- 1. My name is James Marcum. I am over the age of 21. I am the Chief Executive Officer of David's Bridal, LLC and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"). Accordingly, I am generally familiar with the business operations, business and financial affairs, and books and records of the Debtors and am in all respects competent to make this Declaration (the "<u>Declaration</u>").
- 2. Except as otherwise indicated herein, the facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, my review of relevant documents, information provided to me by Osler, Cole Schotz and/or employees working under my supervision, or my opinion based upon my experience, knowledge, and information concerning the Debtors' operations. I am authorized to submit this Declaration on the Debtors' behalf. If called upon to testify, I would testify competently to the facts set forth in this Declaration.
- 3. This Declaration is submitted in support of the *Debtors' Application for Entry of* an Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP As Canadian Bankruptcy Counsel to the Debtors Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date (the "Application"),² filed concurrently herewith.
- 4. This Declaration also is submitted provided pursuant to Section D.2 of the *Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases*, effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"), promulgated by the Office of the United States Trustee (the "U.S. Trustee"). I am informed by Cole Schotz that the U.S. Trustee Guidelines require that any

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

application for employment of an attorney under section 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code be accompanied by a verified statement from the client that addresses the following:

- (a) The identity and position of the person making the verification. The person ordinarily should be the general counsel of the debtor or another officer responsible for supervising outside counsel and monitoring and controlling legal costs.
- (b) The steps taken by the client to ensure that the applicant's billing rates and material terms for the engagement are comparable to the applicant's billing rates and terms for other non-bankruptcy engagements and to the billing rates and terms of other comparably skilled professionals.
- (c) The number of firms the client interviewed.
- (d) If the billing rates are not comparable to the applicant's billing rates for other non-bankruptcy engagements and to the billing rates of other comparably skilled professionals, the circumstances warranting the retention of that firm.
- (e) The procedures the client has established to supervise the applicant's fees and expenses and to manage costs. If the procedure for the budgeting, review and approval of fees and expenses differ from those the client regularly employs in nonbankruptcy cases to supervise outside general counsel, explain how and why. In addition, describe any efforts to negotiate rates including rates for routing matters, or in the alternative to delegate such matters to less expensive counsel.
- 5. In my capacity as CEO of the Debtors outlined above, I am part of the Debtors' team responsible for supervising the Debtors' outside counsel and monitoring and controlling legal costs.
- 6. When the Debtors decided to retain Canadian bankruptcy counsel in connection with a potential recognition proceeding of these Chapter 11 Cases in Canada under the CCAA, K&E and the Debtors' financial advisor recommended the retention of Osler on the basis of its expertise in complex, cross-border matters involving Chapter 11 cases and recognition proceedings under the CCAA, as well as its reputation for cost-efficiency.

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- 7. Since its retention, Osler has provided advice and assisted the Debtors in their restructuring efforts with respect to the Debtors' Canadian operations based on its experience with cases of large and complex companies like the Debtors. In addition, Osler has provided advise on Canadian law and the procedures and practices for commencing recognition proceedings under the CCAA. I believe that for these reasons Osler is well-qualified to serve as the Debtors' Canadian bankruptcy counsel in these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings.
- 8. I have confirmed with Osler that, although its billing rates vary from lawyer to lawyer based on such facts as the lawyer's seniority and position with the firm (e.g., partner, counsel, or associate), years of experience, and the demand for services in the lawyer's particular area of expertise, its billing rates do not vary as a function of whether the services performed relate to a bankruptcy engagement or a non-bankruptcy engagement.
- 9. The Debtors have been informed that Osler endeavors to set the hourly rates for its lawyers and paraprofessionals at levels competitive to those charged by firms with whom they compete. In addition, the Debtors confirmed that (i) the Osler lawyers staffed to this engagement will not be charging a premium or in any way increasing their hourly rates over the fees charged to non-bankruptcy clients, and (ii) the material terms for the engagement are comparable to terms of other comparably skilled professionals.
- 10. The Debtors supervise outside counsel retained in the ordinary course of business and will supervise the fees and expenses incurred by Osler in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings. More specifically, in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer of the Debtors, my responsibilities extend to the supervision of counsel through the monitoring of costs, including legal costs. During the course of these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings, I, or others working under my direction and guidance, will review

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Osler's invoices, monthly fee statements, and interim and final compensation applications in connection with Osler's requests for payment of fees and reimbursement of expenses. Osler has assured me that, in order to avoid any duplication of effort and provide services to the Debtors in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, Osler will coordinate with K&E, Cole Schotz and any other firms the Debtors retain regarding their respective responsibilities in these Chapter 11 Cases.

- 11. I understand that Osler periodically increases its hourly billing rates for their professionals and paraprofessionals. The Debtors have consented to such ordinary course rate increases.
- 12. Osler has indicated that it will work with the Debtors to prepare a prospective budget and staffing plan in accordance with the in accordance with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines. The Debtors recognize, however that in the course of these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings, there may be unforeseeable fees and expenses that will need to be addressed by the Debtors and Osler. The Debtors recognize that it is their responsibility to closely monitor Osler's billing practices and to ensure that the fees and expenses paid by the estates remain consistent with the Debtors' expectations and the exigencies of these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings. The Debtors will work with Osler to amend the budget and staffing plan as necessary during the pendency of these Chapter 11 Cases and the related Canadian Proceedings.
- 13. To the extent the Debtors have an objection to the fees and expenses requested by Osler in any monthly fee statement or interim or final compensation applications that cannot be informally resolved to the Debtors' satisfaction, that the Debtors will file a Notice of Objection to Fee Statement. I understand that Osler reserves all rights to contest any such objection raised to the

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allowance or payment of its requested fees and expenses, and the Debtors reserve all rights to retain conflicts counsel to prosecute any such fee objection to the extent it cannot be resolved informally by the parties.

- 14. Nothing contained herein is intended to limit Osler's ability to request allowance and payment of fees and expenses pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, nor to restrict Osler's rights to defend any objection raised to the allowance or payment of such fees, nor to restrict the Debtors' right to retain conflicts counsel to prosecute any such fee objection to the extent it is not resolved informally by the parties or raised by another party-in-interest, such as the U.S. Trustee.
- 15. Based on the foregoing, I am of the opinion that it is necessary for the Debtors to employ Osler as their Canadian bankruptcy counsel in these Chapter 11 Cases and related Canadian Proceedings, and that such employment is in the best interest of the Debtors' estates.

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I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: May 26, 2023 Respectfully submitted,

DAVID'S BRIDAL, LLC, et al.

By: <u>/s/ James Marcum</u>
James Marcum
Chief Executive Officer
David's Bridal, LLC, et al.

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Chapter 11

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ORDER APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF OSLER, HOSKIN & HARCOURT LLP AS CANADIAN BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered two (3) through four (5), is hereby **ORDERED**.

David's Bridal Canada, Inc. (N/A); and Blueprint Registry, LLC (2335). The location of debtor David's Bridal, LLC's principal place of business and the debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 1001 Washington Street, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428.

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Upon the application (the "Application")² of the above captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), pursuant to sections 327(a), 329, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014, and Local Rule 2014-1, authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP ("Osler") as their Canadian bankruptcy counsel in these proceedings nunc pro tunc to the Petition Date; and the Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference of the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); and consideration of the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and notice of the Application having been given as provided in the Application, and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and it appearing that no other or further notice of the Application need be provided; and upon the Declarations of Martino Calvaruso and James Marcum in support thereof; and the Court being satisfied that Osler does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors, their estates, or their creditors, and is a disinterested person within the meaning of sections 327 and 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.

2. In accordance with sections 327(a), 329, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are hereby authorized and empowered to employ and retain Osler as their Canadian bankruptcy counsel in these Chapter 11 Cases effective as of the Petition Date.

- 3. Any and all compensation to be paid to Osler for services rendered on the Debtors' behalf, shall be fixed by application to this Court in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, such Federal Rules and Local Rules as may then be applicable, and any orders entered in these cases governing the compensation and reimbursement of professionals for services rendered and charges and disbursements incurred. Osler also shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Osler in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 4. In order to avoid any duplication of effort and provide services to the Debtors in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, Osler shall coordinate with Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Kirkland & Ellis International LLP, Cole Schotz P.C. and any additional firms the Debtors retain regarding their respective responsibilities in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 5. Prior to applying any increases in its hourly rates beyond the rates set forth in the Application, Osler shall provide ten (10) days' prior notice of any such increases to the Debtors, the United States Trustee, and any official committee appointed in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases.

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6. The Debtors are authorized to take all action necessary to carry out this Order.

7. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.